

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 6, 14 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,280,470 (hereinafter Buhrke).

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,280,470 (hereinafter Buhrke) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,768,258 (hereinafter Van As).

2. Response to 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Applicants are please to note that the Examiner considers claims 3-5, 9-13, 15 and 17-20 as containing allowable subject matter.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 2 and 3. In addition, claim 14 has also been amended to include the features of claim 15. Claims 4-6 have been amended to correct claim dependencies.

Accordingly, claims 1, 4-14 and 16-20 remain pending herein. As all the claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 or 14 which contains allowable subject matter, it is believe that all claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jaina Chua at (408) 947-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

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